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All are invited to the International Day of Peace March, Friday September 21

"Sustainable Peace for a Sustainable Future"

ORANJESTAD -- The UNESCO International Day of Peace is coming up this Friday, September 21, and all are invited to join in a walk organized by the Student Union of the University of Aruba, beginning at 5:00 PM. Aruba's Minister of Social & Economic Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar personally endorsed the activity, citing the importance of contemplating peace in our lives, on every level.



Keila Heyer, Joureen Lacle, Minister Hooyboer, and Stan Dabian

Budget: Dutch Queen says everyone is being asked to make sacrifices



THE HAGUE -- The government understands that in tackling the government's finances it is asking all Dutch people to make sacrifices, HRM Queen Beatrix said in her annual speech from the throne yesterday.

The queen's speech marks the opening of the new political year and is used to outline government policy and new initiatives.

This year, however, the speech comes just one week after the general election and focuses on austerity measures which were agreed in April this year by a five-party coalition.

The queen said the current political situation meant the outgoing cabinet had shown

restraint in coming up with new policies. 'But tackling the urgent problems facing our country and in Europe cannot be delayed,' the queen said.

The spring agreement 'makes it possible for the government to contribute to financial solidarity and growth-targeted reforms,' the queen said.

A well-functioning internal EU market and a strong currency are crucial to all member states, she said, adding that 'this is essential for the Netherlands.'

Once the economy and consumer confidence recover, 'it would be realistic to understand that growth will be lower than we have been used to,' the

queen said.

'But at the same time, we live in one of the most prosperous countries in the world. It is important to be aware of this and to work together towards the recovery.'

After the speech, the queen and the rest of the royal family returned to the Noordeinde palace in The Hague, where they made the traditional balcony appearance.

HRM Queen Beatrix wore a somber black-and-white dress, which some royalty watchers saw as a reference to her son, Prince Johan Friso, who has been in a coma since being struck by an avalanche in February.

"Peace is not simply a distant goal that we seek," said Martin Luther King, Jr., "but a means by which we arrive at that goal." This sums up Minister Hooyboer's message, and that of Joureen Lacle-Kelly, representing UNESCO's Secretary General on Aruba, Jimmy Oduber. The message of the day is not simply a world without war, but the contemplation of inner peace, with our loved ones and the community. Peace should not only be discussed and practiced over diplomatic tables, but the family table, and community gatherings. It is these outward moving ripples that will, hopefully, bring us to realize a peaceful world.

Stanley Dabian of the Ministry of Culture, and a local member of the peace organization Amisrael, cited Pope John Paul II, "Peace cannot exist without four essential conditions: Truth, Justice, Love and Liberty." Those who enjoy these unalienable human rights should put forth the effort to show their support for those who do not.

The march will begin at the former DOW building on the west end of Oranjestad, across from the Valero station. It will proceed down the L.G. Smith Boulevard to the Plaza Las Americas rotunda, expecting to finish around 6:30-7:00 PM.

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Get in, Come with us" Teachers' Conference off to good start



ORANJESTAD -- On Monday morning the "Get in, Come with us" teachers' Conference was opened by the Minister of Education, Arthur Dowers with the encouragement to work together to promote the interchange of evidence based knowledge, motivation and inspiration.

The conference is the following phase of the project known as "The teacher at the wheel" (www.docentenawiel.com), where links were formed of work groups between teachers of different schools to discuss and share solutions of common challenges. "Get in, come with us" is an expansion of the



program which began last November 2011.

The Minister remarked that he observed that many teachers are of the opinion

that much is being done in education, but that they are questioning, ... "for whom is the Department of Education doing this?" And, they are asking ... "why are they not being asked for their opinion." The Minister is convinced that the teacher should have much more to say in the management of education.

He observed that there was no formal structure for teachers of the different schools to share their evidence based practices to make use of the knowledge

and experiences of each other. The "Teacher at the wheel" program is now making this possible, according to Dowers.

It is expected that within the phrame work of this program, together our teachers can create the environment to motivate and inspire each other to press on despite some of the difficult circumstances in education.

Dowers reported being motivated himself by the positive attitude and dedication for their work that he has seen by so many teachers he met during the past years... "your hearts are in the right place," concluded Dowers in his opening remarks at the teachers' conference.

US. Consulate representative will be accepting ballots September 20th

ORANJESTAD -- A reminder comes that the U.S. Consulate General will be in Aruba for American Citizen Services on Thursday September 20th, from 08:00 AM to noon in the morning and 1:30 to 5:00 PM in the afternoon, at the Department of Foreign Affairs Aruba, J.E. Irausquinplein 2.

They will be happy to accept ballot requests or voted ballots. Information regarding absentee voting information for U.S. Citizens Abroad

and forms can be requested from: <http://FVAP.gov>. Be counted and fill out the new Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). Don't delay! It is now easier than ever before, but should be done as soon as possible.

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Public Notice: IBiSA office closed tomorrow morning

ORANJESTAD -- IBiSA (ex-IDEFRE) management team informs the general public that tomorrow, Thurs-

day, September 20, they will have an informative day for all employees. All employees will be assisting, so IBiSA's main office, situated on the second floor of Certified Mega Mall and its San Nicolas branch, Sports Centrum will be closed tomorrow morning between 8:00 a.m. and 12 noon.

IBiSA management team and its employees thank everyone for their understanding and inform the public that the offices will open again for service in the afternoon from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.

"Sustainable Peace for a Sustainable Future"

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At 7:30 a cultural program of music, dance and poetry will be conducted on the stage of the Plaza Betico Croes.

All participating in the march are requested to dress in white. The Consular Body of Aruba, which will be participating, asks that their fellow countrymen display their national colors in some fashion. Schools are requested to wear their uniforms.

by Rosalie Klein

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Dutch minister de Jager introduces austerity budget



Jan Kees de Jager

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Outgoing Dutch Finance Minister Jan Kees de Jager introduced an austerity budget yesterday aimed at steering Europe's fifth-largest economy back below a Brussels-imposed deficit target.

"With this extra package of some 12 billion euros (\$15.6 billion) we are bringing back the budget deficit to 2.7 per-

cent (of gross domestic product)," De Jager told the 150-seat lower house of the Dutch parliament.

"It's a tough package. But we have rules that are necessary and will be good for the country," De Jager said ahead of the final meeting of the outgoing Dutch parliament led by Prime Minister Mark Rutte's erstwhile minority coalition government.

The 2013 budget aims to bring the deficit -- at 4.7 percent last year -- to below the European Union's ceiling of three percent by introducing deep cuts in health care, a freeze in civil servants' salaries and major tax hikes.

The agreement was hammered out in late April by a hastily-convened five-party alliance to press it through parliament and get it delivered to the European Commission's doorstep at the 11th hour.

Rutte's two-year-old coalition crashed a few days earlier over the issue, when his parliamentary ally, the far-right platinum-haired politician Geert Wilders walked out of austere-

talks.

Fresh elections were held last week and were again won by Rutte's pro-business Liberal VVD, who gained 41 seats in the 150-seat lower house.

He is now now in talks to form a coalition of convenience with the center-left Labour party of former Greenpeace activist Diederik Samsom, who snatched 38 seats.

Some Dutch newspapers yesterday already wrote off De Jager's budget proposal as a "senseless exercise" with analysts saying although it would form a base, many of the more unpopular proposals are likely to be dumped by the new coalition government.

Most of the parties who helped putting together the package in April already changed their tune in the run-up to the vote, the paper added.

"The political coalition has already long-ago fallen apart," said the left-wing Volkskrant, adding: "In the campaign, parties tossed away unpopular suggestions in the package -- with (Rutte's) VVD at the front."

This week's schedule of "Bus di Salud"



IBISA – Instituto Biba Saludabel y Activo (Live Healthy and Active Institute) wishes to share this week's schedule of the "Bus di Salud"

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IBISA invites the whole community, but especially the barrios and neighborhoods the bus will be visiting in the coming days to come out and learn all about the Health Bus.

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New exhibit at the National Archaeological Museum unveiled



Chief Archaeologist Raymundo Dijkhoff explains the exhibit

On Sunday, September 16, staff of the NAMA, under Head Administrator Arminda Franken-Ruiz, welcomed the public and island dignitaries for the opening of a new exhibit "I'm Alive!" The exposition is dedicated to a fascinating find on the north coast, initially discovered by tourists visiting the area in Mid-August of 2007.

It sparked quite some excitement at the time. While walking along the coast behind the snack bar at Natural Bridge, they came upon bones that were exposed by heavy rains and winds evoked by Hurricane Dean, a huge, force-five storm, which had passed just south of Jamaica.

Initially, the police were contacted, who in turn informed the Director of Aruba's Disaster Office, Maximiliano "Bibi" Arends. He then notified the museum scientific staff and Chief Archaeologist Raymundo Dijkhoff, of the discovery.

Thus began weeks of careful excavation and investigation by the NAMA archaeological team under Dijkhoff, consisting of Harold Kelly, Hiram Angela and Francisco Croes. Forensic details immediately revealed the bones to be more than a century old and male. Jossy Luidens, owner of the snack bar, told a story passed

down of a brig wrecked on the north coast in the 1800s, with a sole survivor, and the rest of the crew buried by islanders on the north coast.

The unfolding of the story of the wreck of the German Brig Hero, sunk in 1886, and its crew resulted from consultations with international experts and pouring through preserved documents in the Aruba National Archives. The entertaining exhibit that opened on Sunday recounts the history of the shipwreck along with allowing visitors to the museum to experience the process of excavation and investigation.

A dramatic enactment led by Shiera Arends replayed the wreckage of the ship, after which, as sea nymph Lorelei, she led Aruba's Minister of Social & Economic Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar, and Director of UNOCA, which assisted in funding the exhibit, Lupita Gil, into the exhibit for the official opening.

It takes up two levels of the new section of the museum, the first being an introduction to the wreck of the Brig Hero, a history of the



Bibi Arends and wife with Raymundo Dijkhoff



Minister Hooyboer with Arminda Ruiz and Lupita Gil of UNOCA



I uncovered some bones

ship and its crew. The second level is a fun, interactive exhibit, dedicated to providing an understanding of the investigative process of archeologists, and the importance of learning and preserving Aruba's historic and cultural heritage. It imparts the remarkable details uncovered by the remains, and how they were divined.

Museum Administrator Franken-Ruiz credited staffer Suzanne Boekhoudt for providing the idea and impetus for this newest transient exhibit, which will be on display until March 2013. Raymundo Dijkhoff opined that "I'm Alive!" is one of

NAMA's most interesting exhibits to date, and his certainty that museum visitors of all ages will be fascinated. The entire story of the investigation and a detailed history of the Hero is the subject of the second edition of the official publication of NAMA, "Ceque." The magazine is in English and sold at the museum for 5 Aruban florins, (\$2.85.)

NAMA is open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00AM until 6:00 PM, and Saturdays and Sundays until 2:00 PM. Entrance is free.

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Interlocutory judgment by the Court of Appeal in the car rental case AAA allowed to restrict the access of the Airport roads

Roads in front of airport preliminarily deemed public roads



ORANJESTAD - On September 18, 2012 the Court of Appeal has given an interlocutory judgment in a summary procedure some car rentals that are not located at the airport initiated against the Aruba Airport Authority N.V. ("AAA").

The essence of this case – are the airport roads public and can AAA restrict the access to these roads- was already han-

dled in various other cases before the Court of First Instance of Aruba, the Court of Appeal and even the Highest Court of the Netherlands.

In this interlocutory judgment and based on the facts presented the Court preliminarily has deemed the roads to be public, as they have been open to the public for over 30 years according to the Court.

As to the accessibility however, the Court ruled, that since AAA has the right of long lease on the entire airport premises, including the ingress and egress roads, AAA is allowed to restrict the access to alluded roads under certain circumstances.

In order to come to a final ruling in this matter and also to try to arrange a settlement between the parties involved in this case, the Court has ordered a so called "Appearance", which shall take place on the airport premises. The Court can thus get a better understanding of the factual situation and give a final ruling or arrange a settlement between parties, based on the "Appearance".

AAA has taken notice of several media publications regarding the interlocutory judgment at hand, stating that the car rentals won the case; these publications are apparently based on a misinterpretation of the interlocutory judgment.

Colombian travel agents visit Aruba



Recently, Aruba received the visit of a group of travel agents from Colombia for a Familiarization Trip. The group consisted of 8 travel agents from different cities of Colombia, among others Bogota, Cali, Pereira, Cucuta and Ibague. The agents were invited by ATA Colombia and most of them represent the Avianca Airlines from Colombia. They were hosted by the Renaissance Resort and were transported by De Palm Tours.

The travel agents represent different areas of the country where travelers are willing to

visit our beautiful island. They visited several resorts and restaurants, and were also given an island tour by De Palm Tours and a catamaran trip by the Red Sail Sports. They expressed to be very fascinated and excited with the experience they had here, and that now they have a better view of how to sell Aruba as a vacation destination.

The travel agents were accompanied by ATA Rep. Aruba Mr. Ernest Giel and ATA Rep. Colombia Mrs. Maria Mercedes Aquire.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Clinton: US in 'aggressive steps' to protect embassies

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States is taking "aggressive steps" to protect its embassies and staff around the world, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said yesterday.

Washington is also "reviewing our security posture at every post and augmenting it where necessary," she added, after talks with Mexican Foreign Minister Patricia Espinosa.

"We are taking aggressive steps to protect our staffs in embassies and consulates worldwide," Clinton said, amid a wave of anti-US

protests around the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia.

"We will not rest until the people who orchestrated the attack at the US mission in Benghazi a week ago are found and punished," Clinton said.

The FBI has launched an investigation inside Libya, and Clinton said the US was working with the Libyan government, which is leading its own inquiry, "so we can be sure who murdered our four colleagues and under what circumstances."

At least 10 killed in Mexico gas plant fire

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - At least 10 people were killed when a fire erupted at a gas plant owned by Mexican energy giant Pemex near the US border yesterday, the state-run company said.

Television images showed huge flames and plumes of smoke billowing from the site, located near Reynosa, a city in the northeastern state of Tamaulipas.

The fire, which broke out at 10:45 am, is the third incident at a Pemex facility in little over a month.

"Petroleos Mexicanos regrets to report that at this mo-

ment the death of 10 people has been confirmed," a company statement said, noting that their experts are investigating the cause of the incident.

The damaged plant receives gas from the Burgos region and distributes the product to Pemex's gas and petrochemicals unit. A pipeline and control valves were damaged by the fire and specialists are reviewing the damage.

Pemex shut off valves while firefighters arrived to put out the blaze, which was extinguished two hours after it began.

French weekly risks Muslim fury with prophet cartoons

PARIS (AFP) - Fears that a wave of anger in the Islamic world could spread to Europe mounted yesterday as it emerged that a French magazine was planning to publish cartoons caricaturing the Prophet Mohammed.

Satirical weekly Charlie Hebdo confirmed that its latest edition contains several cartoons featuring Mohammed that the publication's editor said would "shock those who will want to be shocked."

The magazine is due to hit the stands today against a background of protests across the Islamic world over a crude US-made film that mocks Mohammed and portrays Muslims as gratuitously violent.

At least 30 people have died so far in demonstrations held in over 20 countries.

Charlie Hebdo is no stranger to controversy over its handling of the issues relating to Islam.

Last year it published an edition "guest-edited" by the

Prophet Mohammed that it called Sharia Hebdo. The magazine's offices in Paris were subsequently fire-bombed in what was widely seen as a reaction by Islamists.

Charlie Hebdo's latest move was greeted with immediate calls from political and religious leaders for the media to act responsibly and avoid inflaming the current situation.

Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault issued a statement expressing his "disapproval of all excesses."

The magazine's editor, originally a cartoonist who uses the name Charb, denied he was being deliberately provocative at a delicate time.

"The freedom of the press, is that a provocation?" he said. "I'm not asking strict Muslims to read Charlie Hebdo, just like I wouldn't go to a mosque to listen to speeches that go against everything I believe."

Dalil Boubakeur, the senior cleric at Paris's biggest mosque, appealed for France's

four million Muslims to remain calm.

"It is with astonishment, sadness and concern that I have learned that this publication is risking increasing the current outrage across the Muslim world," he said.

"I would appeal to them not to pour oil on the fire."

France's Muslim Council, the community's main representative body, also appealed for calm in the face of "this new act of Islamophobia."

Even before news of Charlie Hebdo's plans emerged, France's large Muslim community was being urged to take to the streets in defiance of an official ban on demonstrations over the controversial film.

Messages on Twitter and social networking sites called for demonstrations to be held Saturday in Paris, Marseille and other major cities, a week after police in the capital arrested 150 people for taking part in a rowdy protest near the US embassy.

Palestinian comments land Romney in more hot water

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Mitt Romney's electoral chances took another hit yesterday as secretly-shot video footage showed him dismissing Palestinians and saying there was no point in pursuing Middle East peace.

The comments drew anger from Palestinian peace negotiator Saeb Erakat, who called them "absolutely unacceptable," and provided the White House with fresh ammunition to paint the Republican challenger as unrepresentative.

Romney faced a barrage of domestic criticism on Monday over initial excerpts from the May 17 fundraiser in which he wrote off Democratic voters as "victims" who are dependent on government handouts and beyond his help.

The liberal magazine Mother Jones then revealed all of Romney's remarks at the \$50,000-a-plate Florida event yesterday, spilling out more damaging material, particularly on the Israeli-Palestinian question.

Asked at the fundraiser if the "Palestinian problem" can be solved, Romney said the Palestinians have "no interest whatsoever in establishing peace, and that the pathway to peace is almost unthinkable to accomplish."

Displaying little nuance about the attitude of different

factions in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, he showed disdain for the Palestinian cause and indicated he would not make a serious Middle East peace bid as president.

"I look at the Palestinians not wanting to see peace anyway, for political purposes, committed to the destruction and elimination of Israel, and these thorny issues, and I say

there's just no way," Romney said.

"You move things along the best way you can. You hope for some degree of stability, but you recognize that this is going to remain an unsolved problem -- and we kick the ball down the field and hope that ultimately, somehow, something will happen and resolve it."

British royal couple win fight in nude photo lawsuit



LONDON - Prince William and Kate Middleton's aggressive legal strategy over topless photos of Britain's likely future queen is the first salvo in what could be a decades-long tug-of-war over their family's privacy. A French court yesterday ruled in favor of the royal couple in their fight over the photos. The royals' strong stance also included a bid to persuade French prosecutors to launch a criminal inquiry to target the offending photographer.

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Kabul bomber kills 12 over US film in more Muslim protests

KABUL (AFP) - A female bomber killed 12 people in Kabul yesterday in the deadliest single attack over an anti-Islam US film that again sparked furious protests across the Muslim world.

The Kabul bombing brings to more than 30 the number of people who have been killed in a violent backlash over a YouTube trailer for the film, "Innocence of Muslims", believed to have been produced by a small group of extremist Christians, which depicts the Prophet Mohammed as a thugish womanizer.

Another potentially explosive publication is also due to hit news stands in France today after the satirical weekly Charlie Hebdo confirmed that its next edition contains several cartoons which feature caricatures of the Prophet Mohammed.

The editor of the weekly, originally a cartoonist who uses the name Charb, said the

images would "shock those who will want to be shocked".

In Afghanistan, Hezb-i-Islami, the second largest insurgent group after the Taliban who have been fighting US-led troops and the government for 10 years, claimed the attack and said it was to avenge the "insult" of the film.

"The bombing was in retaliation for the insult to our Prophet," spokesman Zubair Sidiqi told AFP in a telephone call from an undisclosed location.

Security officials said nine foreigners including South Africans were among those killed on a major highway leading to Kabul airport when the bomber blew up her station wagon alongside a minivan carrying foreign workers.

Taliban fighters last week stormed a British-run airfield, killing two US Marines and destroying six US fighter jets in another act of vengeance.

Syria fighting rages as Iran calls for halt to violence

DAMASCUS (AFP) - Syrian troops shelled several districts in Aleppo and clashed with rebels yesterday, as Damascus ally Iran proposed a simultaneous halt to the violence and a peaceful solution to the conflict.

Clashes erupted in Bustan al-Qasr in the southwest and in nearby Izaa as both districts were shelled, residents of Syria's second city said, also

reporting fighting further south in Sukari.

At least four civilians were killed in shelling of Sukari, Sakhur and Hanano districts, while two rebels and three civilians were killed elsewhere in the northern city, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

The two-month-old battle for Aleppo remains very fluid, with both sides claiming gains in a guerrilla war, Observatory director Rami Abdel Rahman said.

The Observatory gave a toll of at least 65 civilians, nine rebels and 12 soldiers killed yesterday, on top of the more than 27,000 people it says have been killed since the uprising erupted in March 2011. The United Nations says more than 20,000 have died.

Iran's proposal for a halt to the violence emerged at a meeting in Cairo on Monday of the Syria "contact group" to which it, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Turkey belong, Tehran's official IRNA news agency said.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi appealed for "a simultaneous halt in clashes

and violence by the sides in Syria, and insisted on a peaceful solution without foreign intervention and a halt to financial, military and training support for the Syrian opposition," IRNA reported.

He also suggested that observers from the countries could "monitor the process of stopping the violence in Syria," IRNA added.

Last month, the United Nations withdrew its own observers after both sides failed to adhere to an April ceasefire to which they had committed.

Salehi is due today in Damascus for talks with Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Muallem, a Syrian government source said.

Iran's strong support for Bashar al-Assad contrasts with the positions of the other three members of the contact group, who are all demanding that Assad step down.

Saudi Arabia, absent from Monday's talks, has barred Syrians from entering the country to perform the annual Muslim hajj pilgrimage, Syrian state media said, marking the latest break between the two nations.

S.Africa Lonmin miners end strike, accept 22% pay raise

MARIKANA (AFP) - Lonmin platinum mine workers in South Africa yesterday ended their strike in return for a 22 percent pay raise, after a nearly six-week standoff that claimed 45 lives.

The industrial action which started on August 10 and spread to other platinum and gold mining companies had sparked social turmoil and fears about the economic impact on Africa's wealthiest country.

Amid the bitter standoff, police opened fire on striking miners, killing 34 on August 16 in the worst such shooting since the end of apartheid.

When news of the company's pay offer by the London-listed company was announced yesterday to workers at a stadium, thousands broke into song and dance, lifting their representatives on their shoulders in celebration.

After a round of fresh talks yesterday, a negotiator had announced that the workers had settled for a 22 percent wage rise and a \$245 one-off bonus from the owners of the world's third largest platinum mine.



New York : A woman makes her way as strong wind hit in New York, September 18, 2012. Tornado watches were issued for much of the Northeast US as part of a forecast for high winds, heavy rain, and flooding. Major cities within the tornado watches include New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. (AFP PHOTO)



Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi of Myanmar, also known as Burma, began a lengthy visit to the U.S. by meeting Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on Tuesday in Washington. Suu Kyi, the opposition leader who was under house arrest for 15 years, is now free to travel and has been welcomed abroad as if she were a head of state

Health & Living

World's first mum-to-daughter uterine transplants in Sweden



STOCKHOLM (AFP) - Two Swedish women received new uteruses at the weekend in the world's first mother-to-daughter uterine transplants aimed at helping them have babies, Gothenburg University announced on Tuesday.

"One of the women had previously had her own uterus removed after undergoing treatment for cervical cancer. The other woman was born without a uterus. Both women are in their 30s," a statement from Gothenburg University said.

"More than 10 surgeons took part in the operations, which were conducted without any complications. The women who received the uteruses are doing well but are tired after the surgery," said Mats Braennstroem, a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the university and the leader of the research team.

Braennstroem explained at a press conference that the young women would have to wait one year before trying to get pregnant.

They will then undergo in

vitro fertilization (IVF) with frozen embryos consisting of their own eggs fertilized with their partner's sperm prior to the organ transplant procedure.

He would not speculate on the chances of the women becoming pregnant, but noted that in regular IVF treatments the chance of delivering a baby after an embryo transfer was 25 to 30 percent.

Braennstroem said the transplanted uteruses would be removed after the women have had "up to two children", so they can stop taking the immunosuppressant medication that helps their bodies accept the transplant.

One of the other doctors on the team, Michael Olausson, said doctors expected the same risk of rejection as seen with other organ donations, of around 20 percent.

The women, whose names were not revealed, were selected for the procedure after a lengthy examination process to ensure she and her partner were fertile and good candidates.

Their mothers were used as donors because of the "theoretical advantage" of having a close relative as a donor, Olausson said, and "because the uterus had proven its functionality in being able to bear a child," Braennstroem added.

Eight more women are due to undergo the procedure in Sweden during the autumn and spring.

Braennstroem stressed the transplant was aimed at helping young women who were either born without a uterus or had a damaged uterus, and not meant to help older women have babies beyond their own child-bearing years.

Uterine transplants are seen as controversial, primarily because they involve living donors.

US Boy Scouts covered up sex abuse: report



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Boy Scouts of America failed to report hundreds of alleged child molesters over two decades and often left parents in the dark as a means to save face, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday.

After reviewing 1,600 confidential files dated 1970-1991 from the century-old organization, the Times found more than 500 instances in which the Scouts learned of abuse directly from boys, parents, staff or anonymous tips, rather than after the incidents were reported to the authorities.

And in about 80 percent of those cases, there was no record of the Scouts reporting the abuse claims to authorities. The Times also found that officials actively sought to hide the alle-

gations or allowed the suspects to conceal the abuse claims in more than 100 of the cases.

Although the organization, which counts nearly four million adult and youth members, has long sought to keep the "perversion files" out of public view, it could face a damning wave of lawsuits and bad publicity in the coming weeks as the records are set to be released.

The Oregon Supreme Court has ordered the public release of about 1,200 files dating from 1965 to 1985, including some reviewed by the newspaper.

Scouting officials told the Times that in many cases, they covered up the allegations to spare young victims from embarrassment. But some of the alleged molesters then went on

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Somali educator of uprooted women wins UN refugee award



GENEVA (AFP) - Hawa Aden Mohamed, a former Somali refugee who has created an education programme for displaced and often sexually abused women and girls, was awarded Tuesday the UN

refugee agency's annual Nansen prize.

Mohamed, born in 1949, was given the prestigious award for "her exceptional, tireless and inspiring humanitarian work for Somalia's refugee and displaced girls and women," the UNHCR said in a statement.

The former refugee, who returned to her war-torn homeland in 1995 and four years later created the Galkayo Education Centre for Peace and Development for others uprooted by Somalia's persistent unrest, had worked "under incredibly difficult and challenging circumstances," the prize committee said.

It hailed the laureate, known to many as "Mama Hawa", particularly for her work that had "transformed the lives of thousands of displaced women and girls, who are among the most vulnerable members of Somali society, and in many cases are grappling with the trauma of marginalisation, abuse and secular violence, including rape."

"When Hawa Aden Mohamed rescues a displaced girl, a life is turned around," UN High Commissioner for Refugees Antonio Guterres said in the statement.

Mohamed's centre, which also runs a programme to keep displaced boys off the streets, has helped more than 215,000 people since its creation 13 years ago, the UNHCR said.

After more than two decades of conflict and last year's drought, more than 2.5 million Somalis have become displaced either within the war-torn country or outside its borders, according to UN figures.

Mohamed's centre provides secondary education and English-language training and vocational training in the aim to empower girls and allow them to make their own living, according to UNHCR.

to abuse other children, according to Scouts documents and court records cited by the Times.

In one example cited by the newspaper, a Maryland troop leader who confirmed allegations of abuse against him was given six weeks to leave and told he could give his associates "whatever reason that he chose" to resign.

An official was quoted as saying in the troop leader's file that the move gave him the opportunity to leave in a "graceful manner," adding that the senior Scout was reminded that he had agreed to keep the matter secret.

In response to the article, the organization issued an apology to the victims and stressed it had always cooperated with the authorities. Since 2010, the Scouts require officials to report even suspicion of abuse to local authorities.

The organization, founded in 1910, is best-known for promoting outdoor activities and community service for boys aged seven to 21.

In July, it reaffirmed a ban on openly gay members and leaders after a secret review, despite calls to overturn it.

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Protecting WikiLeaks colleagues is top goal: Assange



QUITO (AFP) - WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, still holed up in Ecuador's embassy in London, said his number one goal is to protect colleagues at the controversial website from "any possible attack" by the United States.

In an interview published Monday by Quito's official Andes government news

agency, Assange said he hopes to pressure the United States to "abandon its campaign against us."

"My main task is to continue to keep our people safe from possible attack by the United States," the WikiLeaks founder said.

Assange has been sheltering in the embassy since June

19 to avoid extradition to Sweden. Britain has vowed to arrest him if he leaves the embassy.

The 41-year-old Australian sought Quito's protection after he had exhausted legal appeals against extradition to Sweden, where he is sought for questioning on sexual assault allegations.

Assange fears Sweden eventually will hand him over to the United States, where he says he could face prosecution and even the death penalty over his website's release of a trove of secret US diplomatic and military documents.

On Monday, Ecuador's Foreign Minister Ricardo Patino renewed his call for talks between London and Quito to resolve the standoff.

Japanese activists land on disputed island

TOKYO (AFP) - Two Japanese activists landed on an island at the centre of a bitter dispute with China on Tuesday, the government in Tokyo said, as fresh anti-Japanese protests rocked Chinese cities.

The landing, the fourth by Japanese this year, came after coastguards warned away a Chinese fisheries patrol boat spotted near the island early Tuesday.

Widespread anti-Japanese

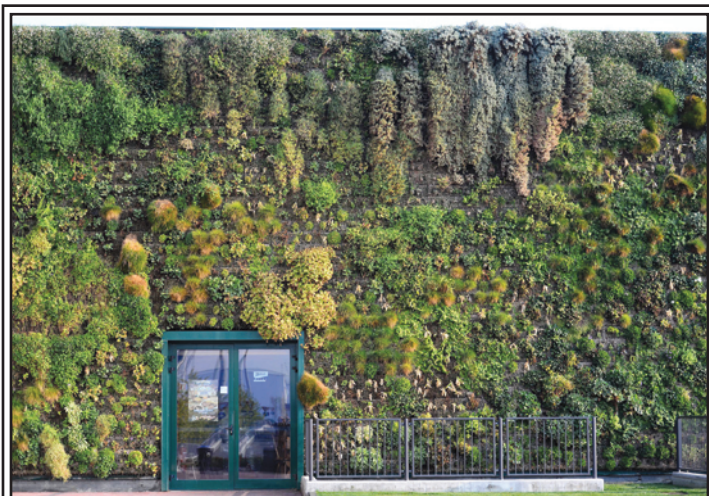
protests, some of them violent, have been held across China in recent days over the East China Sea islands known as Diaoyu by Beijing and Senkaku by Tokyo. They are claimed by both but controlled by Japan.

Major Japanese firms including Canon and Honda have suspended operations at several plants in China, according to officials and reports Monday.

After meetings in Tokyo with senior Japanese officials on Monday, US Defense Secretary Leon Panetta -- who later travelled on to Beijing -- urged "calm and restraint on all sides".

A fresh wave of anti-Japan rallies was in progress Tuesday, the anniversary of the 1931 "Mukden incident" that led to Japan's invasion of Manchuria, which is commemorated every year in China.

Taiwan also claims the islands, which are uninhabited but strategically important.



ROZZANO, Italy : A general view taken on 18 september 2012 shows the largest vertical garden on a shopping mall facade in the town of Rozzano, near Milan. The Fiordaliso commercial complex was awarded on September 17 the Guinness world record for its 1,262.85 square meter wall garden composed of over 44,000 plants and 200 flowers.

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LONDON : A member of the media holds a new Motorola RAZRi smartphone with an Intel processor during the press launch of the device in London on September 18, 2012. Motorola Mobility presented their new smartphone, developed with an Intel processor powering its Android operating system, which will be launched in October in Europe and Latin America with the hope that it will compete with the Apple iPhone.

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REIMS: French scientist Gerard Liger-Belair works on a glass of Champagne in his laboratory, in Reims, located in the Champagne region in eastern France. Teaching at the University of Reims, Liger-Belair worked with scientists Guillaume Polidori and Philippe Jeandet to find out the exact role of bubbles in the aroma and taste of champagne and engineered glasses to give measurable bubble flow patterns. It appears that the shape of the glass (either a flute or a wider coupe vessel) affects the bubbles' ability to mix the beverage, and could modify overall scent and flavor.

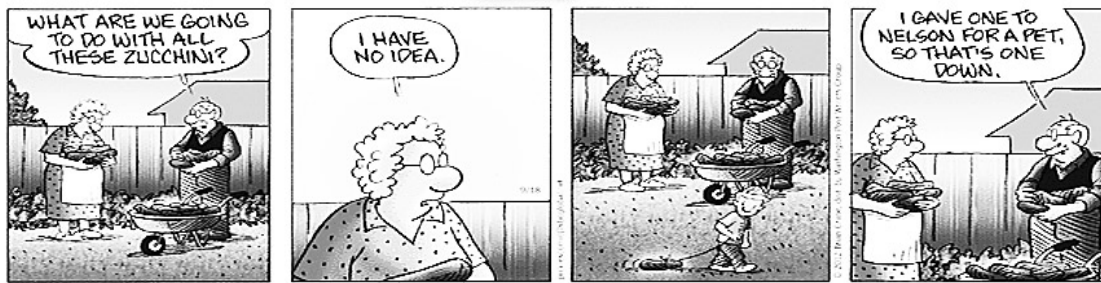
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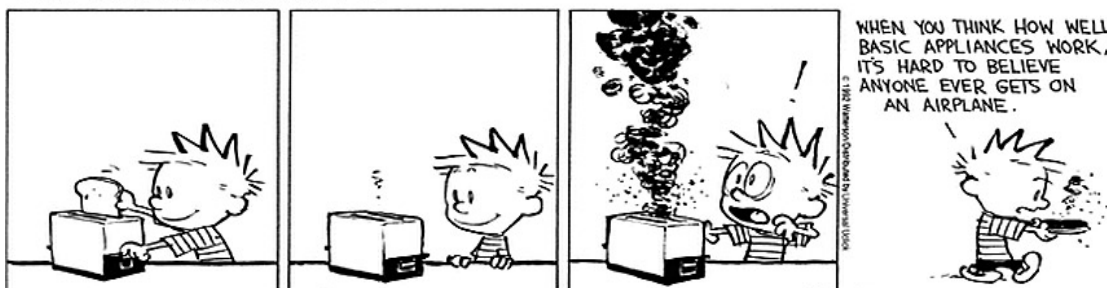
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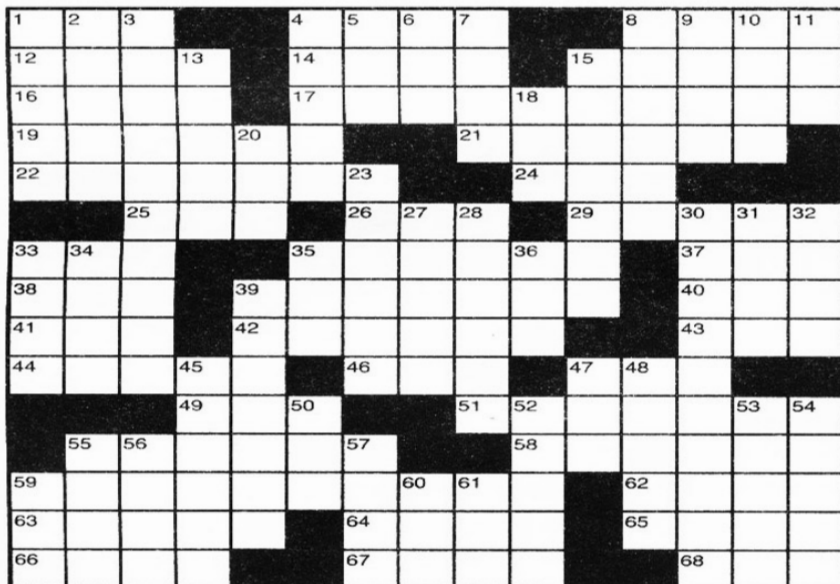
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17. Picnic surface, often
19. Meeting's schedule
21. Goes inside
22. In a foppish fashion
24. Go astray
25. It caused Cleopatra's demise
26. Hall of Famer Mel
29. Senator Kefauver
33. Workshop, for short
35. Decks out
37. Common verb
38. In toto
39. Some Monopoly properties
40. "Ich ____ ein Berliner"
41. Curly's cohort
42. Seasoned
43. Influenced
44. Besiege
46. Distress message
47. Molson offering
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51. Pays attention
55. GATT concern
58. Fast, noir-style
59. Arthurian gathering spot
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7. Narrative
8. Lecherous ones
9. Peaty tract
10. Part of M.A.
11. Stadium yell
13. Adds color
15. Cattle-call participant
18. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
20. Fancy dance move
23. Sings an alpine song
27. "Harry and ____" (1974 Carney film)
28. Most loyal
30. Cook's measure
31. Sandusky's lake
32. Post
33. Young sheep
34. Burn lotion ingredient
35. Burt's costar in "The Killers"
36. Pulp author Buntline
39. Straddling
45. Got the old-fashioned way
47. Rockport's cape
48. Turns pages quickly
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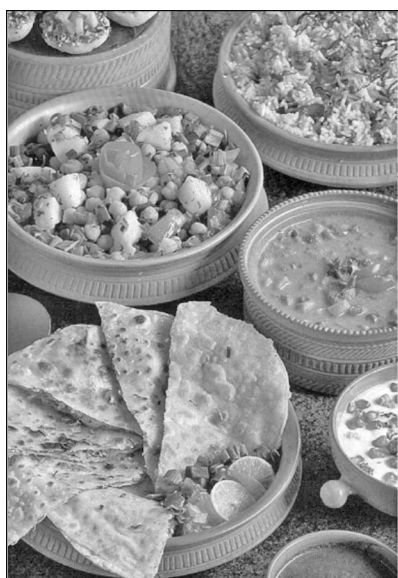
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Japanese businesses close factories in China amid violence

TOKYO -- A swathe of Japan's biggest corporate names padlocked factories in China yesterday as violent anti-Japan protests sparked safety fears, and threatened economic ties worth more than \$300 billion a year.

Firms ranging from electronics giants Sony and Panasonic to Japan's three big carmakers — Toyota, Honda and Nissan — temporarily halted production at some or all of their China-based plants as anger erupted over a disputed island chain claimed by Tokyo and Beijing.

Mitsumi Electric, a major supplier to gaming giant Nintendo, said it had shuttered a factory in northeastern China after demonstrators broke into the plant causing extensive damage, including arson.

Komatsu, a mining and construction equipment maker, said stone-throwing protesters broke windows at one of its plants, while two of three Nissan factories — none were damaged — would be closed until at least Thursday.

"The safety of our personnel is the highest priority," said Nissan spokesman Christopher Keefe.

The closures came as thousands of anti-Japan protesters

rallied again yesterday to mark the anniversary of a 1931 incident that led to Japan's invasion of Manchuria, a north-eastern region of modern-day China.

The current diplomatic battle has sparked fears of military conflict, drawing in US Defense Secretary Leon Panetta who called for calm in meetings with Chinese officials during an Asian tour.

The islets, known as Senkaku in Japan and Diaoyu in China, are uninhabited but situated in rich fishing waters and said to sit atop valuable natural resources. They are controlled by Japan but claimed by China and Taiwan.

The row intensified last week when the Japanese government bought three of the islands from their private Japanese owner, effectively nationalising them, and China responded by sending patrol ships to nearby waters.

Yasuo Onishi, senior researcher at the government-backed Institute of Developing Economies, described the widespread Chinese demonstrations as "unprecedented in terms of the affected sectors and types of attacks".

Safety fears prompted a delegation of 175 Japanese executives to cut short a regular annual trip to China, which included talks with Premier Wen Jiabao.

China and Japan, the world's second and third-biggest economies respectively, have close business ties with two-way trade standing at a whopping \$342.9 billion last year, according to Chinese figures.

But the political relationship is often tense due to the territorial dispute and Chinese resentment over past conflicts and atrocities.

EuroDisney gets 1.3 bn euro loan from Walt Disney

PARIS (AFP) - Euro Disney, the struggling theme park near Paris said yesterday that it has received a loan of 1.3 billion euros (\$1.7 billion) from its parent the Walt Disney company, allowing it to refinance a large part of its existing debt.

Euro Disney, the biggest amusement park in Europe, posted a first-half net loss of 100.8 million euros in May, an increase of 21 million euros from its loss in the same period a year earlier.

It had warned then that it may be forced to cut operating costs and investment, as well as sell assets or seek help from its parent company.

Yesterday, the group said the Walt Disney loan would help bring down its debt interest expenses by 45 million euros.

Euro Disney added that as of September 30, its debt would amount to 1.7 billion euros.

11 more US billionaires join Gates, Buffett charity pledge


NEW YORK (AFP) - Eleven billionaires added their names yesterday to the effort by Bill Gates and Warren Buffett to donate half their fortunes to charity, bringing the total to 92.

The newest members of the club include Netflix chief executive Reed Hastings, Intel co-founder Gordon Moore, and Charles Bronfman, the Canadian-born former head of Seagram Co.

The Giving Pledge, announced in 2010, was launched by Microsoft mogul Gates and investment guru Buffett who want to convince the richest people in the country to give 50 percent or more of their fortune to charity.

The group includes CNN founder Ted Turner, New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Oracle co-founder Larry Ellison and Hollywood director George Lucas, as well as Buffett and Gates.

The newest members also include Manoj Bhargava, India-born founder of 5-hour Energy; and Dan Gilbert, founder and chairman of Quicken Loans and majority owner of the Cleveland Cavaliers.



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Netherlands	EUR	230.40	232.50	234.83
Sweden	SEK	26.15	26.87	27.67
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Auto giant Fiat's future plans put Italy on edge

MILAN (AFP) - Fiat's boss painted a bleak picture of the Italian auto market but said the historic brand will stay in the country, amid union warnings that Italy's top private sector employer is set to shed jobs.

Sergio Marchionne, who also heads up US auto giant Chrysler, was responding to a furore in Italy after Fiat last week said it would not stick to its previous investment targets and would unveil a new strategic plan next month.

"Fiat has accumulated losses of 700 million euros (\$916 million) in Europe and is supporting these losses thanks to success in the United States and emerging markets," Marchionne told La Repubblica daily yesterday.

Of the 3.5 billion euros in operating profit Fiat expects this year, none of it will come from Italy, where there has been a collapse in sales, he said.

Asked if he saw any light at the end of the tunnel, Mar-

chionne responded: "I don't see anything until 2014. That's why investing in 2012 would be lethal."

Italian Prime Minister Mario Monti spoke to Marchionne later yesterday and the two agreed to hold a meeting on Saturday, where the Fiat boss will inform ministers of the company's plans in Italy, the government said.

Economic Development Minister Corrado Passera and Welfare Minister Elsa Fornero will also be present, along with Fiat chairman John Elkann -- a scion of the company's founding family and key shareholders, the Agnellis.

Fornero told La Repubblica that Fiat had "a duty" to explain itself, adding that Marchionne "owes this not so much to the government or the shareholders but to Fiat workers and to the thousands of families that depend on it."

Fiat employs a total of 197,000 people, including around 80,000 in Italy.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



LONDON — Vietnam is the fastest-growing travel destination for Britons, according to a new travel index by the United Kingdom's Post Office released last week. According to the Post Office Travel Money's "Fastest Growing Currencies Summer 2012" report, the Vietnamese dong is the fastest-growing foreign currency in the UK, with summer sales soaring by 68 per cent compared with last year, suggesting a boom in Vietnam holidays.

Rushdie releases memoirs as anti-Islam film protests rage



LONDON (AFP) - As violent protests over a US-made film rock the Muslim world, Salman Rushdie publishes his account Tuesday of the decade he spent in hiding while under a fatwa for his book "The Satanic Verses".

Considered blasphemous by many Muslims, "The Satanic Verses" -- published in 1988 -- earned him a fatwa from Iran's spiritual leader, the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, urging Muslims to kill the writer.

His memoir, named after the pseudonym used by Rushdie while in hiding and written in the third person, chronicles the following nine years in which he was forced to move constantly between safe houses under armed guard.

He chose the name Joseph Anton in homage to his two favourite writers, Joseph Conrad and Anton Chekhov. His bodyguards and protection officers from Special Branch

called him simply Joe.

More than two decades later, Rushdie lives mostly in New York after Iran assured Britain in 1998 that it would not implement the fatwa.

But Iran's current supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei later reaffirmed that Rushdie's murder was authorised under Islam -- and on Sunday, an Iranian foundation reportedly

increased the bounty on his head to \$3.3 million (2.5 million euros).

The Khordad Foundation said that if Rushdie had been killed earlier, the anti-Islam film currently enraging Muslims would never have been made.

Rushdie told India's NDTV on Monday that the video, believed to have been made by Christian extremists, "looks like the worst little clip ever made" -- but there could be no justification for responding with "mayhem and murder".

He describes the day in September 1998 when the death threat was declared over as a victory in "a fight for things that mattered".

But 14 years later, Rushdie says writers who criticise Islam are still being attacked with a "medieval vocabulary".

Irish newspaper editor suspended over Kate topless photos

LONDON (AFP) - The editor of the Irish Daily Star was suspended Monday over the publishing of topless photos of Prince William's wife Catherine as the British royals take legal action over the pictures.

The newspaper's joint owners, British group Northern and Shell and Ireland-based

Independent News and Media, were quick to condemn the decision to feature the blurry paparazzi images in Saturday's edition.

The company behind the Dublin operation, Independent Star, said Monday it had suspended editor Michael O'Kane "with immediate effect" pending an internal investigation into the republication of images which first appeared in French magazine Closer.

The announcement comes after the royal couple lodged a criminal complaint against Closer in Paris earlier Monday.

The pair also requested an injunction banning the republication or resale of the photos, which their lawyer said were from a "highly intimate moment" and had no place in the public domain.

Northern and Shell chairman Richard Desmond has threatened to close the Irish Daily Star over the publication of the photos showing the former Kate Middleton sunbathing in bikini bottoms on the balcony of a chateau in France.

Independent News and Media, controlled by media tycoon Denis O'Brien, criticised the "poor editorial decision" but said Desmond's move to close the paper was disproportionate.

O'Kane has strongly defended his decision, saying that he treated Catherine as any other celebrity and claiming that the pictures highlighted a royal security threat.

Newsweek's 'Muslim Rage' cover sparks wave of scorn



PARIS (AFP) - Newsweek's front page about the deadly protests currently sweeping the Muslim world has sparked a storm of controversy and derision on Twitter as netizens mock the magazine's headline "Muslim Rage." The cover story (<http://bit.ly/Pies0D>) is written by Ayaan Hirsi Ali, a well-known Somali-born rights activist and former Dutch lawmaker whose criticism of Islam has earned her death threats. The article comes as Muslims in at least 20 countries have staged angry demonstrations outside US embassies and other American symbols in protest against an anti-Islam film called "Innocence of Muslims." A trailer for the film appeared on YouTube last week, sparking the violent backlash that has seen more than 30 people killed so far.

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LONDON (AFP) - Scottish singer-songwriter Annie Lennox has married for the third time, her spokeswoman said on Tuesday. The former Eurythmics star, 57, wed American gynaecologist Mitch Besser on Saturday in London. The ceremony was reportedly onboard a boat on the River Thames in a ceremony attended by Oscar-winning actor Colin Firth and comedienne Ruby Wax. Her spokeswoman said it was "a private ceremony with friends and family present". The "Sweet Dreams" singer posted a photograph of her wedding flowers on her Facebook page, winning more than 5,000 "likes" from fans.

Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers,

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Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef



Grandma's stoba with classic rice and beans handhome-made potato-beet salad

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses: Catch of the Day Aruban Style - shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local. They are open from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

SPORTS

Cricket: Hosts Sri Lanka win World Twenty20 opener



Sri Lankan cricketer Tillakaratne Dilshan (L) is watched by Zimbabwe cricketer Chris Mpofu (R) as he runs between the wickets

HAMBANTOTA (AFP) - Sri Lanka routed Zimbabwe by 82 runs Tuesday as the hosts made a successful start to the World Twenty20 and kicked off the country's biggest ever sports event.

Unorthodox spinner Ajantha Mendis grabbed record international Twenty20 bowling figures of six wickets for eight runs in the Group C game in Hambantota, the home town of President Mahinda Rajapakse.

It was the perfect start for a home team that is seeking its first major title since winning the 50-over World Cup in 1996.

Tight security and empty seats at the 35,000-capacity stadium failed to dampen a party atmosphere as fans blew vuvuzela horns and danced in the stands. After the win, a brief fireworks display lit up the stadium.

Other games will be played in the steamy hill town of Palallekele and the capital Colombo, where the fourth World Twenty20 champions will be crowned on October 7.

The 12-team tournament offers the teardrop-shaped tropical island the chance to showcase its lush landscapes, beaches and ancient temples, and turn the page on a 37-year ethnic conflict that claimed up to 100,000 lives.

In 2009, Rajapakse's regime declared victory over the Tamil Tiger rebels, a group notorious for suicide bombings. The brutal final offensive prompted a UN Human Rights Council resolution against Sri Lanka earlier this year.



When Sri Lanka co-hosted the 50-over World Cup in 1996, Australia and West Indies kept away after Tamil rebels bombed the Central Bank in Colombo, killing 91 people and wounding 1,200 just two weeks before the tournament.

The country also co-hosted the World Cup last year with India and Bangladesh, which passed without incident.

For the World Twenty20, elite commandos and bodyguards have been deployed to guard players as part of a security operation similar to those usually reserved for visiting heads of state.

The authorities have also launched an undercover operation to ensure there is no corruption by players after international cricket was rocked by a major fixing scandal in 2010.

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Sri Lanka start the tournament as one of the favourites, although predictions are notoriously difficult in cricket's shortest format, which has revolutionised the sport and divided opinion since its introduction in 2003.

Defending champions England arrive with a youthful squad shorn of star batsman Kevin Pietersen, who is in international exile after a sequence of bust-ups with team management.

South Africa, the number one Test team, are seeking their first ever limited-overs world title, while the West Indies, powerful in this format, would be a popular winner.

The World Twenty20 is the one major trophy to elude Australia. India won the inaugural event in 2007, while mercurial Pakistan will hope to reprise their 2009 title run.

The teams have been divided into four pools of three for the preliminary league, with the top two from each advancing to the Super Eights round.

England, the West Indies, Sri Lanka and New Zealand are seeded to meet in group one of the Super Eights, with the top two teams making it to the semi-finals.

Group two is already being billed as the "Group of Death", with arch-rivals India and Pakistan seeded to face Australia and South Africa.

Football: Last-minute Ronaldo strike sinks City



Real Madrid celebrate Cristiano Ronaldo's winning goal

MADRID (AFP) - Cristiano Ronaldo struck a last-minute winner as Real Madrid beat Manchester City 3-2 in a thrilling Champions League clash that saw all the goals come in a nerve-racking final 22 minutes.

Real came back twice through Marcelo and Karim

Benzema to level the game after substitutes Edin Dzeko and Aleksandar Kolarov had put City ahead.

And then up stepped Ronaldo to give the home side a deserved three points to kick start their Champions League Group D campaign.

Real coach Jose Mourinho

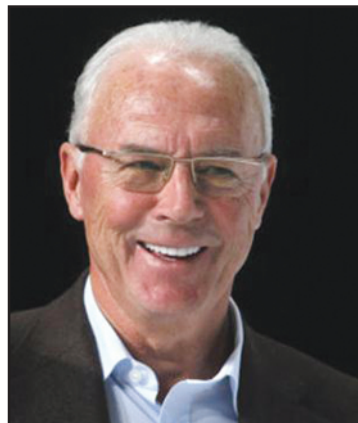
decided on a number of changes in the face of growing criticism in the Spanish capital after a disappointing start to his team's league season.

The Portuguese coach left out Sergio Ramos and Mesut Ozil from the side that lost 1-0 at Sevilla on Saturday, handing a debut to Michael Essien and a first game of the season to French youngster Raphael Varane.

There was also a surprise in City's line up with 19 year-old Matija Nastasic making his debut at centre-half after a summer move from Fiorentina, with both Maicon and Javi Garcia also starting after making their club debuts on Saturday.

Real took the initiative from the start as City took their time to adjust to their

Football: German team can win Champions League - Beckenbauer



BERLIN (AFP) - Bayern Munich honorary president Franz Beckenbauer expressed his confidence on Tuesday that a German team can win this season's Champions League title.

Beckenbauer believes Bayern can erase the painful memories of May's Champions League final defeat on penalties at their own Allianz Arena against Chelsea when they take on Spanish outfit Valencia in Munich today.

But he also thinks that German champions Borussia Dortmund are in with a shot at the top European prize.

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"I consider them (Bayern) as strong enough to win the title," Beckenbauer told the regional daily Stuttgarter Zeitung.

"They (Dortmund) have learned from experience. Now they are different. Of course they lost Shinji Kagawa (to Manchester United) but acquired Marco Reus (from Moenchengladbach) and with it, they are even stronger," said Beckenbauer.

Bayern Munich were the last German team to win the European title in 2001. They finished runners-up in 2010 and 2012.

Having won the German league and cup double last season, Dortmund are back in the Champions League for the second year running, but looking to improve on last season's poor performance which saw them finish last in the group stages.

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NBA:

NEW YORK- The Brooklyn Nets signed free agents Stephen Dennis, James Mays and Carleton Scott.

General manager Billy King announced the moves. All three played overseas last season. With the transactions, the training camp roster now features 18 players.

Dennis, a guard, spent four years at Kutztown, and also played for the Bakersfield Jam in the NBA Developmental League. Mays, a forward, played in the ACC at Clemson, and has had stints in China, Turkey and Puerto Rico.

A forward at Notre Dame, Scott played in Austria last season, averaging 13.6 points and 6.6 rebounds.

Football: Late Lewandowski strike helps Borussia beat Ajax

DORTMUND (AFP) - Robert Lewandowski's late goal gave Borussia Dortmund a crucial 1-0 victory at home over Ajax Amsterdam in their Group D opener of the Champions League.

After Ajax goalkeeper Kenneth Vermeer had stopped Mats Hummels' spot kick in the 58th minute, Lewandowski provided the German champions with the winner in the 87th minute.

Hummels was very happy about Lewandowski picking up the team after he had failed to get the job done.

It was the fifth time that the 1997 Champions League win-



ners Dortmund were facing Dutch opposition at home and the Germans finally won. Among their losses were Ajax winning both legs in the 1995-96 quarter-finals - a team which included current Amsterdam coach Frank de Boer.

Knowing he needed a victory at home against Ajax, Dortmund coach Jurgen Klopp started both offensive midfielders Mario Gotze and Marco Reus in his 4-2-3-1 line-up. And de Boer placed new acquisition Ryan Babel automatically in his 4-3-3 system.

Dortmund controlled the ball in the early going but nearly paid for a mistake as Dutch striker Babel snatched the ball from Ilay Gundogan and fed Christian Erikson, whose shot was parried away in the 12th minute.

The Germans struggled to find a way through the Ajax defence but had a chance in the 31st minute when Champions League debutant Reus feeding Marcel Schmelzer, who forced Vermeer into a fine save.

Dortmund keeper Roman Weidenfeller was forced to come well outside his box to

block away a through ball to Derk Boerrigter in the 35th minute.

Weidenfeller again saved his team three minutes after the restart, stopping a blast from Siem de Jong from 11 yards out.

Dortmund's top chance came just a minute later but Lewandowski shot well over the bar after turning and gaining space for an attempt. And Vermeer did a good job saving Reus's counter attack shot in the 52nd minute and Gundogan's blast in the 56th.

The Germans missed a golden chance to take the lead in the 58th minute but Dortmund defender Hummels watched Vermeer dive to his left to collect the poorly-taken penalty after Gotze was felled by Ricardo van Rhijn in the box.

Dortmund remained the more offensive team and finally broke through with three minutes left.

Gundogan played a high ball to Lukasz Piszczek for a header to his fellow Polish international Lewandowski, who chested the ball down and then finally beat Vermeer.



VALKENBURG, The Netherlands : Germany's gold medalist Judith Arndt (C), US' silver medalist Evelyn Stevens (L) and New Zealand's bronze medalist Linda Villumsen. Germany's Arndt retained her women's time-trial title at the cycling world road championships here yesterday. The 36-year-old, Olympic silver medalist in London, beat American Evelyn Stevens by 33sec with New Zealand's Linda Villumsen third at 40sec after the 24.3sec race from Eijsden to here. Britain's Emma Pooley, the 2010 world time-trial winner, finished fourth at 49sec. Arndt won the world road race title in 2004.

AFP PHOTO



Toronto Blue Jays shortstop Yunel Escobar has been suspended three games without pay for displaying a gay slur on his eye black during a recent game. The Blue Jays announced the suspension Tuesday, stating that they met with Major League Baseball and the MLB Players Association to determine Escobar's punishment. At least one photo taken by Getty Images showed Escobar wearing the eye black with the slur written in Spanish during Saturday's game against the Boston Red Sox. Getty Images confirmed the photo's authenticity to ESPN.com's Keith Law.

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NFL: Ryan shines as Falcons beat Broncos



Tight end Tony Gonzalez #88 of the Atlanta Falcons catches the ball against strong safety Mike Adams #20 and free safety Rahim Moore #26 of the Denver Broncos

ATLANTA (AFP) - Matt Ryan tossed for 219 yards and two touchdowns as the Atlanta Falcons held on for a 27-21 victory over the Denver Broncos in the National Football League on Monday night.

Quarterback Ryan completed 24-of-36 passes for the Falcons who had to withstand a final quarter rally by the Broncos.

Ryan also improved to 27-4 in regular-season games at the Georgia Dome stadium in his career.

Roddy White led all pass receivers with eight catches for 102 yards and a touchdown, while Tony Gonzalez grabbed seven passes for 70 yards and a score for the Falcons, who have won both their games to start the 2012 season.

Michael Turner ran for 42 yards and a touchdown on 17 attempts, including a 15-yard gain late in the final quarter to claim the victory.

Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning completed 24-of-37 passes for 241 yards and a touchdown.

Manning engineered the fourth-quarter rally but he could not overcome three first-quarter interceptions for Denver who have one win and one loss on the season.

Willis McGahee ran 22 times for 113 yards and two

scores in the loss.

The Broncos entered the fourth quarter behind 27-7 but Denver quickly cut their deficit as McGahee ran across the

goal line from two yards out for a score with 11:48 left in the game.

Denver got the ball back at the Atlanta 45-yard line and Manning connected on a pass with Eric Decker for an 18-yard gain to move the ball deep into Atlanta territory.

McGahee converted a fourth-and-goal at the two-yard line with a run into the end zone to bring Denver to within 27-21 with 3:25 remaining.

But Denver would not see the ball again as Ryan connected on a six-yard pass to Julio Jones for a first down just before the two-minute warning.

Two plays later, Turner gained 15-yards to burn Denver's last time out. That allowed Ryan to kneel the ball twice to kill off the rest of the time on the clock.

BATEN: "THIS TIME AROUND ARUBA HAS BETTER CHANCES"



The Aruba Men's National Team has their ticket booked for the CONCACAF Caribbean Cup this September, a tournament similar to the UEFA Euro Cup.

Midfielder and Aruba's MNT Captain Raymond Baten is looking forward to the matches ahead and this time around with a better team than before.

"We now have better chances than before. This due to the influx of new players that perform at a higher level of play and that have experience.

Furthermore, we have creative players that can decide a match."

In 2011 the defending midfielder made his debut with the National Selection for the U-23 team. "I was introduced to the team by David Abdul at that

time when the team went to Cuba for World Cup Qualification matches. Afterwards I moved to the Men's National Team. The debut was a great experience

to go through and I think we have enough potential to achieve something for Aruba."

Baten was in the past a part of the youth academy ADO Den Haag and Ajax. Then he moved to Voorschoten'97.

Currently, the captain of Aruba for FC Rijnvogels.

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Splenda supports Aischal van der Linde

Splenda supports Aischal van der Linde in her quest for gold at Orlando's 2nd annual International Open Taekwondo

Recently, Aischal van der Linde of Brazil Taekwondo Stichting received the great news that Splenda will be sponsoring her at the 2nd Annual International Open in Orlando. Last year Aischal walked away with gold, beating 3 US athletes on her path.

This year Aischal is even better prepared for Orlando as she demonstrated last week at the Best of the Best Powerade Taekwondo Cup. She was in top shape winning her bout against Suri-name.

Aischal is very thankful to Splenda, for not only supporting sports in

general, but also for showing confidence in her, and believing that she can once again represent Aruba at a high level at the International Open in Orlando.

